

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-22
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENT NOS. 3 AND 4 TO NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued August 16, 2000)

On August 9, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed third and fourth amendments to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The third amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for Load Coils/Bridge Taps and terms, conditions, and rates for DS-3 Capable Loop. The fourth amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for Interconnection Distribution Frames. The proceeding to review the amendments is identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22. The Utilities Board (Board), on December 15, 1997, approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of the amendments is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendments within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written

comments filed on or before September 8, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment within 90 days of the submission, or the agreement or amendment will be deemed approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proceeding to review Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on August 9, 2000, by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before September 8, 2000.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.